

Wexford Farmers' Co-Operative (Enniscorthy Mart)

Sheep Sale Report 09/09/2020

We had another very big sale this week. Finished lambs are rising week on week and got another lift of €3 or €4 euro a head. There was increased competition from butchers for the heavy well fleshed lambs as well as those factory fit lambs.

Butchers lambs were a very strong trade. Due to a strong online as well as in house demand for suitable lambs. Prices ranged from (€117 for 4, 46kg lambs) up to (€129 for 7, 55kg lambs).

Some sample butchers lamb prices:

- 5, 55kg lambs making €129.
- 8, 51kg lambs making €121.
- 4, 50kg lambs making €127.
- 9, 51kg lambs making €119.
- 8, 53kg lambs making €120.
- 4, 46kg lambs making €117.

Factory finished lambs saw another good lift, all due to increased competition from factory agents. Factory lambs ranged anywhere from (€104 for 13, 43kg lambs) and up to (€116 for 25, 46kg lambs).

Some sample factory lamb prices:

- 25, 46kg lambs making €116.
- 10, 46kg lambs making €115.
- 16, 44kg lambs making €112.
- 5, 46kg lambs making €115.
- 7, 45kg lambs making €112.
- 10, 43kg lambs making €106.
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A large section of the sale consisted of store which continue to sell extremely well. Light stores ranged from (€74 for 11, 29kg lambs) up to (€91 for 26, 36kg lambs).

Some lighter store prices:

- 10, 35kg lambs making €90.
- 9, 36kg lambs making €90.
- 7, 34kg lambs making €89.
- 16, 33kg lambs making €85.
- 20, 31kg lambs making €80.
- 25, 28kg lambs making €79.
- 11, 33kg lambs making €82.

Forward stores made from (€88 for 16, 38kg lambs) up to (€104 for 4, 39kg).

Some forward store prices:

- 10, 39kg lambs making €93.
- 20, 40kg lambs making €91.
- 9, 38kg lambs making €94.
- 25, 38kg lambs making €89.
- 5, 38kg lambs making €101.

Cast ewes are consistently a strong trade especially the heavy ewes which are very scarce.

Some Heavy Ewe prices:

- 3, 110kg making €142.
- 4, 90kg making €127.
- 8, 82kg making €102.
- 11, 80kg making €110

There was a much bigger number of store ewes on offer as farmers inspect and cull unsuitable ewes from the flock prior to mating. Thin store ewes are a great trade as some farmers are refusing to buy store lambs and opting to buy store ewes instead.

Some store Ewe prices:

- 13, 57kg making €83.
- 14, 63kg making €92.
- 16, 62kg making €70.
- 13, 77kg making €96.
- 10, 65kg making €78.

Brood Trade

Nice Suffolk x Ewe lambs were a strong trade, boasted by the big demand for stores and finished lambs. They sold from €108 up to €139 for strong ewe lambs, and ranged from 60 to 89 over their weight.

- 10, 50kg lambs making €139.
- 10, 42kg lambs making €118.
- 10, 37kg lambs making €112.
- 12, 36kg lambs making €115.
- 13, 30kg lambs making €108.

We also had almost 170 hogget ewes on offer which saw a full clearance, hoggets ranged from €155 up to €200 and averaged €185.